GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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RECOGNITION TO MEDICAL UNIVERSITIES BY MCI
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the procedure adopted by the Medical Council of India (MCI) for registration of students after the completion of their medical study abroad; and

(b) the number of Medical Universities in India and abroad recognized by the MCI?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a): As per the provisions of the Indian Medical Council (Amendment) Act, 2001 and the Screening Test Regulations, 2002 framed thereunder any Indian citizen possessing a primary medical qualification awarded by any medical institution outside India, who is desirous of getting provisional or permanent registration with Medical Council of India or any State Medical Councils on or after 15th March, 2002 shall have to qualify the Screening test conducted by the prescribed authority for that purpose. The primary medical qualification possessed by the Indian students must be a recognised medical qualification for enrollment as medical practitioner in the country in which the institution awarding the said qualification is situated and which is equivalent to MBBS in India.

(b): Five States in the country have established Universities of Health Sciences, which are awarding recognised medical degrees. In addition together there are 117 Universities whose medical degrees are recognised by the Central Government. Since the enactment of Indian Medical Council (Amendment) Act, 2001, there is no concept of recognition of foreign medical Universities, except in respect of those located in the countries with which a scheme of Reciprocity under section 12 of the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956 exists.